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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Mail Stop Amendment

In Reply, Please Refer to Application of
Jeffery Dean Reinsma et al.
Application No.: 09/788,470
Filing Date: February 21, 2001
Title: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR OPTIMIZING BUILDING MATERIALS

Group Art Unit: 3623
Examiner: SCOTT L JARRETT
Confirmation No.: 6199

AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the ☐ \$65.00 (2814) ☐ \$130.00 (1814) fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.
- ☐ Also enclosed is/are _____

- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$395.00 (2801) ☐ \$790.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted _____

_____ on _____
for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least _____, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.

- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below.

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims		MINUS =	0	x \$50.00 (1202) =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims		MINUS =	0	x \$200.00 (1201) =	\$ 0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$360.00 (1203)					
Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$ 0.00

- ☐ A check in the amount of _____ is enclosed for the fee due.
- ☐ Charge _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.
- ☐ Charge _____ to credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

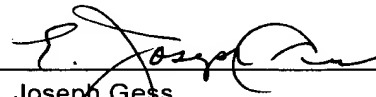
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action issued July 20, 2005, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the claims of Group II, i.e., claims 44-79 and 90-92, for further prosecution in the subject application.

This election is made with traverse as it is believed that the subject matter of both sets of claims are sufficiently interrelated to warrant examination in a single patent application. It is believed that examination of all of the claims of the application would not place an undue burden on the Examiner, but would instead reduce the clerical and paper load on both the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the Applicants.

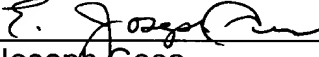
Accordingly, while Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group II, i.e. claims 44-79 and 90-92 for further prosecution in the subject application, favorable reconsideration of the Examiner's Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

From the forgoing, further and favorable action on the merits with regard to all of the claims is believed to be next in order, and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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